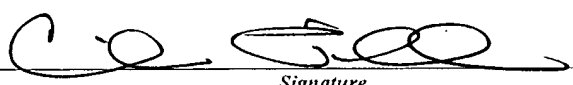
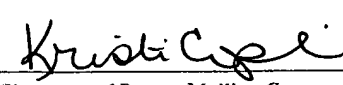


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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby timely respond to the Office Action mailed January 16, 2002, within the three-month shortened statutory period to respond. Please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

In the January 16, 2002 Office Action, the Examiner acknowledged that claims 7-8, 11, 14-16, 21-23, and 29-31 include allowable subject matter and rejected claims 1-6, 9-10, 12-13, 17-20, 24-28, and 32-33. Applicants submit that all pending claims are allowable over the cited references and therefore request that the Examiner reconsider the claim rejections, in view of the arguments set forth herein, and allow all pending claims 1-33.